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- 1. Return copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements;
- 2. Declaration (Please note: late oath surcharge has already been paid with application filing fee);
- 3. Power of Attorney;
- 4. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b); and

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